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SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know from the Government what are the suggestions made by the representatives of the Chirakkal Taluk Handloom Workers' Union?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" A separate question may be put."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Loans granted to private industrial concerns in Malabar.

1 *Q.*—SRI A. APPU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) the particulars of all loans granted by the Government to private industrial concerns in the Malabar district which are still outstanding; and the years in which they were granted; and

(*b*) whether those who have taken the loans have fulfilled the conditions of the grants and whether they paid the annual instalments on the due dates; and if not, what action has been taken?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A statement [a] containing the information is appended.

List of posts with scales of pay for each in the Government Transport Department in the Madras City.

2 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to lay on the table of the House a statement showing the various categories of posts together with the scales of pay for each in the Government Transport Department in the Madras City?

A.—A statement [b] is laid on the table of the House.

Number of suits under the Madras Indebted Agriculturists (Temporary Relief) Ordinance, 1953, pending in courts.

3 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of money suits pending before the courts in this State when the Madras Indebted Agriculturists (Temporary Relief) Ordinance, 1953, came into force;

(*b*) how many suits have been stayed since then;

(*c*) the number of such suits filed in the State during the period of three months since the passing of the Ordinance; and

(*d*) the number of such suits instituted during the corresponding period in the previous year?

A.—(*a*) 45,712.

(*b*) 13,830.

(*c*) 8,247.

(*d*) 16,008.

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 621 infra.

[b] Printed as Appendix II on pages 622–625 infra.

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Study of Hindi in schools.

4 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the place of Hindi in the educational curriculum of the State during the last six years?

A.—*Prior to* 1948.—The study of Hindi was optional in Forms II to IV of Secondary Schools.

In 1948.—The study of Hindi or of a classical language was made compulsory (as a second language) in Forms I to III of High Schools. In Forms IV to VI, students had the option to study Hindi, or a classical language or the regional language itself more intensely.

In 1950 *and afterwards.*—The study of Hindi was again made optional in secondary schools (Forms I to VI) in the sense, that students, who do not wish to study Hindi, can learn an additional craft or engage themselves in any approved school activity.

Cost of maintenance of Government Press, Madras.

5 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the amount actually spent on the maintenance of the Government Press, Madras, and the volume of work turned out in that press during 1951–52 and 1952–53?

A.—The cost of maintenance of the Government Press, Madras, and the volume of work turned out during the years 1951–52 and 1952–53 are furnished below :—

Cost of maintenance of the Government Press, Madras.

Particulars of payment.	1951–52.	1952–53.
	RS.	RS.
1 Pay of officers, staff and workmen including allowances.	27,58,763	27,16,941
2 Electric current	55,582	64,404
3 Rates and taxes	33,149	20,831
4 Other petty contingencies.	18 369	30 363
5 Stores	1,94,923	3,32,091
6 Carriage of Gazettes and forms—Cost of blocks and maps.	2,00,938	2,41,227
	32,61,724	34,06,357

Volume of work turned out.

Out-put quantity.	1951–52.	1952–53.
1 Number of covers and forms printed, both standardized and non-standardized forms.	495·17 (millions)	312·82 (millions)
2 Typefoundry out-put ..	121,691 (lb.)	108,967 (lb.)

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Volume of work turned out—cont.

Out-put quantity.	1951-52.	1952-53.
3 Number of books and journals, etc., distributed apart from sales.	2,119,997 (Nos.)	1,849,563 (Nos.)
4 Number of journals, such as Grow More Food, Madras Information and Women's Welfare, etc., distributed.	1,639,857 (Nos.)	1,276,645 (Nos.)
Number of pages printed ..	331,137 (foolscap folio, pica.)	391,471 (foolscap folio, pica.)

Overtime wages to the employees of the Government Press, Madras.

6 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the total amount paid as overtime wages to the employees of the Government Press, Madras, during 1950–51, 1951–52 and 1952–53?

A.—The total amount paid as overtime wages is as follows:—

		RS.
1950–51	... ...	1,55,202
1951–52	... ...	5,81,622
1952–53	... ...	6,02,168
	Total ...	13,38,992

Death due to lead poison in Government Press, Madras.

7 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the number of persons who died of lead poison in the Government Press, Madras, during the last three years (yearwar)?

A.—There were no such cases during the period.

Income and expenditure in the State Transport Service, Madras.

8 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total income and expenditure in the State Transport Service, Madras, during 1951–52 and 1952–53;

(*b*) the number of buses at present in the Government Transport Service; and

(*c*) the number of buses condemned in 1951–52 and 1952–53?

A.—(*a*) The particulars required are furnished below:—

Year.		Income.	Expenditure.
		RS.	RS.
1951–52	...	1,20,90,176	1,10,40,628
1952–53	...	1,17,80,336	1,15,28,032

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(b) There are at present 381 buses in the Government Bus Service.

(c) No bus of the Government Transport was condemned in 1951–52 and 1952–53. However thirteen old buses were disposed of in 1951–52 and two in 1952–53 as new buses had been acquired in place of these fully depreciated buses.

Assignment of lands for cultivation.

9 Q.—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state the number of applications received in the Taluk offices requesting assignment of lands for cultivation in the residuary Madras State and the number of persons to whom land was assigned during the years 1952 and 1953?

A.—The information is not readily available with the Government. The time and labour necessary to collect the information is not commensurate with the benefit to be derived thereby.

Assignment of house-sites in the State.

10 Q.—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state the total number of applications received during 1952 and 1953 requesting assignment of house-sites in the Madras State and the number of persons to whom house-sites were assigned during 1952 and 1953?

A.—The information is not available with the Government.

Opening of gruel centres, issuing of thakkavi loans and deepening of wells in Oothukuli and other firkas.

11 Q.—Sri N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state the amount that will be allotted to Oothukuli, Chennimalai and Modakkurichi firkas for 1954—

(i) for the opening of gruel centres;

(ii) for issuing thakkavi loans to the ryots; and

(iii) for deepening wells for Harijans and other public wells for minor irrigation works?

A.—All the gruel centres which were being run in the districts were closed by the 31st December 1953. The question of allotting amounts for running gruel centres depends on the need to open such centres. Funds for 1954–55 for expenditure on the disbursement of thakkavi loans and for deepening of wells and other public wells for minor irrigation works will be allotted to districts by the Board of Revenue after the Budget Estimates are passed by the Legislature.

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Examination of blood, etc., in the Government Hospital, Cuddalore.

12 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the details of the provision made for the laboratory examination of blood, motion and urine in the Government Headquarters Hospital, Cuddalore, South Arcot district?

A.—There is a small clinical laboratory in the Government Headquarters Hospital, Cuddalore, where facilities exist for the following examinations:—

Blood—(1) Test for malarial and filarial parasites.
(2) Total and differential counts.
(3) Test for Hæmoglobin percentage.

Motion—Test for amœba ova, etc.

Urine—Tests for sugar, albumen, scetone and deposit.

Employment of N.G.Os. in their native districts.

13 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of non-gazetted officers employed in each district in the State belonging to (i) the same district and (ii) other districts; and

(*b*) the reason for the appointment of persons from other districts?

A.—It is not considered that it will be useful to collect such statistics.

The position in regard to the appointment of non-gazetted officers in the districts to which they belong is as follows:—

Recruitment of officers to the subordinate services is usually made on a district basis and in some cases also on a circle or division basis. In regard to the clerical services, every candidate is allowed to give his preference in the matter of the district in which he would like to be employed. The candidates' wishes are complied with to the extent possible and consistent with public interest. It can generally be taken that the majority of clerks and other low-paid staff employed in a district belong to that district. A hard-and-fast rule confining appointments in a district to persons belonging to that district will not be workable in practice.

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Dismissal of N.G.Os. in the Revenue department.

14 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) (i) the number of non-gazetted officers in the Revenue department in the Residuary Madras dismissed on the recommendation of the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings during 1948 to 1953; and

(ii) the number allowed to continue in spite of the recommendation of the Tribunal to dismiss them; and

(b) the number of such non-gazetted officers dismissed on the recommendation of the Tribunal but reinstated afterwards during the above period?

A.—(a) (i) The Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings was constituted with effect from 1st January 1949 only. In 23 cases the Government ordered the dismissal of non-gazetted officers of the Revenue department on the recommendation of the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings between 1949 and 1953.

(ii) Nil.

(b) One.

Takkavi loans.

15 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state with regard to Udayarpalayam taluk—

(a) the number of applications for takkavi loans received separately from the ryots of Government villages and villages in estates since taken over by the Government during the period from 1st April 1953 to 31st December 1953; and

(b) the number of cases in which loans were granted in each category during the above period?

A.—(a) & (b)

Government villages.	Villages in estates since taken over by Government.
477	311
88	18

Adjudication of disputes concerning hotel workers.

16 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) how many labour disputes concerning hotel workers in Madras City were recommended by the Labour Officer for adjudication during the years 1950–53; and

(b) out of these, how many were referred for adjudication and how many not referred?

A.—(a) 103.

(b) Eighty-one disputes were referred for adjudication and 22 cases were not referred.